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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005, the Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following claim groups was required:

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a bottle filling plant; and

II. Claims 12-20, drawn to a container filling plant.

In response, it is first respectfully submitted that Claims 4-11 should have been included in Group II since Claims 4-11 are drawn to a container filling plant.

Applicants hereby elect Group II for prosecution in the present application. Claims 4-20, as originally filed, all appear to apply to Group II. Claims 1-3, as amended herein, also all appear to apply to Group II.

Summary and Conclusion:

It is submitted that Applicants have provided a new and unique BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING BEVERAGE BOTTLES OR OTHER BEVERAGE CONTAINERS WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING MATERIAL AND AN ARRANGEMENT FOR DIVIDING AND SEPARATING OF A STREAM OF BEVERAGE BOTTLES OR OTHER BEVERAGE CONTAINERS. It is submitted that the claims are fully distinguishable over the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that a

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Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

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